

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 52. (Canceled)

53. (New) A method of communications, comprising:

receiving, at a communications device, an origination request for a call, including parameters that include a dialing string;

identifying a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

determining whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and generating a first marking indicating that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks if the dialing string indicates an emergency number;

accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information and comparing the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or is not allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

originating the call on a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call was determined to be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network and a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

54. (New) The method of claim 53 wherein determining whether the call is allowed further comprises comparing the dialing string to user-defined permission information, and wherein at least a portion of the user-defined permission information is accessed from at least

one of a SIM card, an R-UIM card, and a USIM card.

55. (New) The method of claim 53 wherein the call origination request comprises an indication that the call is an emergency call.

56. (New) The method of claim 55 further comprising indicating that the call is allowed on each one of the plurality of communications networks.

57. (New) The method of claim 53, further comprising:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, generating a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generating a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

wherein originating the call on a respective one or the plurality of communications networks comprises determining a selected network to originate the call on based on the two or more output data fields.

58. (New) The method of claim 57 further comprising altering the dialing string before originating the call when the third marking has been generated.

59. (New) The method of claim 58 wherein the altering of the dialing string comprises replacing the dialing string with a new dialing string.

60. (New) The method of claim 58 wherein the altering of the dialing string comprises replacing the dialing string with a service request code.

61. (New) A method of communications, comprising:

receiving an origination request for a call, the request including at least one input data field comprising a dialing string;

identifying a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

determining whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and generating a first marking indicating that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks if the dialing string indicates an emergency number;

accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information and comparing the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or is not allowed on each of the identified communications networks;

preventing the call from being originated on a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call was determined to be not allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of an allowed phone number or a blocked phone number a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network and a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

62. (New) The method of claim 61, further comprising:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, generating a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generating a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for

indicating the first, second, and third markings; and
originating the call on a selected network based on the two or more output data fields.

63. (New) Computer readable media embodying a program of instructions executable by a processor to perform a method of communications, the method comprising:

receiving, at a communications device, an origination request for a call, including parameters that include a dialing string;

identifying a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

determining whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and generating a first marking indicating that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks if the dialing string indicates an emergency number;

accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information and comparing the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or not allowed on each of the identified communications networks;

originating the call over a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call is determined to be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks, and preventing the call from being originated if the call is determined not to be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network and a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

64. (New) The computer readable media of claim 63 wherein determining whether the call is allowed further comprises comparing the dialing string to user-defined permission information, and wherein at least a portion of the user-defined permission information is accessed from at least one of a SIM card, an R-UIM card, or a USIM card.

65. (New) The computer readable media of claim 63 wherein the call origination request comprises an indication that the call is an emergency call.

66. (New) The computer readable media of claim 65 wherein the method further comprises indicating that the call is allowed on each one of the plurality of communications networks.

67. (New) The computer readable media of claim 55, wherein the method further comprises:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, generating a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generating a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

wherein originating the call on a respective one or the plurality of communications networks comprises determining a selected network to originate the call on based on the two or more output data fields.

68. (New) The computer readable media of claim 67 wherein the method further comprises altering the dialing string before originating the call when the third marking has been generated.

69. (New) The computer readable media of claim 68 wherein the altering of the dialing string comprises replacing the dialing string with a new dialing string.

70. (New) The computer readable media of claim 68 wherein the altering of the dialing string comprises replacing the dialing string with a service request code.

71. (New) A communications device, comprising:

an input device configured to receive an origination request for a call, including parameters that include a dialing string;

a memory device for storing user-defined permission information for each of a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device, wherein the respective user-defined information is different for at least two of the plurality of communications networks;

a processor configured to:

identify the plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

determine whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and generate a first marking indicating that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks if the dialing string indicates an emergency number;

access, for each of the plurality of communications networks, the user-defined permission information and compare the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or not allowed on each of the identified communications networks;

originate the call over a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the processor determines that the call is allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks;

prevent the call from being originated over the respective one of the plurality of communications network if the processor determines that the call is not allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network and a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

72. (New) The communications device of claim 71 wherein the processor comprises

at least one of a SIM card, an R-UIM card, and a USIM card, said at least one of the cards having at least a portion of the user-defined permission information accessed by the processor.

73. (New) The communications device of claim 71 wherein the call origination request comprises an indication that the call is an emergency call.

74. (New) The communications device of claim 73 wherein the processor is further configured to indicate that the call is allowed or is not allowed on each one of the plurality of communications networks.

75. (New) The communications device of claim 56, wherein the processor is further configured to:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, generate a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, determine whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generate a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

generate two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

wherein originating the call on a respective one or the plurality of communications networks comprises determining a selected network to originate the call on based on the two or more output data fields.

76. (New) The communications device of claim 75 wherein the processor is further configured to alter the dialing string before originating the call when the third marking has been generated.

77. (New) The communications device of claim 76 wherein the processor is further configured to alter the dialing string by replacing the dialing string with a new dialing string.

78. (New) The communications device of claim 76 wherein the processor is further configured to alter the dialing string by replacing the dialing string with a service request code.

79. (New) A communications device, comprising:

means for receiving an origination request for a call, including parameters that include a dialing string;

means for identifying a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

means for determining whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and generating a first marking indicating that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks if the dialing string indicates an emergency number;

means for accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, the user-defined permission information and comparing the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or not allowed on each of the identified communications networks;

means for originating the call over a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call is determined to be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks;

means for preventing the call over the respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call is determined not be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network and a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

80. (New) The communications device of claim 79, further comprising:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, means for generating a second marking to indicate that the call is not

allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, means for determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generating a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

means for generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

wherein originating the call on a respective one or the plurality of communications networks comprises means for determining a selected network to originate the call on based on the two or more output data fields.